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Title: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCUMULATING
BETTING DATA IN GAMES OF CHANCE"

USSN: 09/305,562

Filed: 06/08/1999

Applicant's No. MAO-3.0

Commissioner for Patents

PETITION TO ACCEPT PAYMENT OF FEES UNDER 37 CFR
1.137(b) AND TO ISSUE A PATENT

This is a petition for the USPTO to accept payment of an apparent deficiency in the fees due in this Application, which Application is not available in the public image file wrappers. Neither Assignee of Record nor the Attorney of Record in this Application have received a Notice of Deficiency or Notice of Abandonment.

A previous NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE was issued in this Application with a payment due date of September 15, 2004, a copy of which notice is enclosed herein. The fees due in the notice provided for an ISSUE FEE of \$665 and a PUBLICATION FEE of \$300.

Attached is the affidavit of Ms. Stacey Perry, President of MAO, Inc., Assignee of the Application USSN 09/305,562, which Affidavit is incorporated herein and referenced to. The Applicants' Assignee, MAO, Inc., undertook timely to make the payment of fees pursuant to the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE. In accordance with such undertaking, on September 03, 2004, MAO, Inc., sent its check as payment of the fees then due. The amount of that check is now known to be deficient. The deficiency was a clerical error in the amount of the check. MAO's intent was to fully pay the amount due for issuance of a patent in this application. This check negotiated by the USPTO on September 20, 2004. A copy of the negotiated check and USPTO markings thereon is enclosed herein. At the time of submission of this tender, MAO, Inc., was not aware that the amount

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of the tender was an erroneous amount, nor was Applicants' Attorney aware of the deficiency in the payment of fees.

Applicants filed its Divisional Application 11/032,756 which both MAO and this Attorney of Record earnestly believed was filed pending the USPTO issuing a Notice of Publication and the Patent in USSN 09/305,562.

After the occurrence of Hurricane Katrina a Federally declared State of Emergency was in effect for the area to include the office of the Assignee of Record, which is also the correspondence address of record. During the extended period of State of Emergency, there was difficulty in receiving mail, forwarded mail, etc. An example of a similar instance can be seen under USSN: 11/032,756. Relative is its improper classification as abandoned, subsequently reversed by the USPTO pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice respecting Hurricane Katrina.

This Attorney and MAO, Inc have deemed the subject file as inactive since the Issuance and Publication fees were presumed to be paid. In a recent review of MAO, Inc's Intellectual Property Portfolio, it was discovered that a copy of the Issued Patent was never received.

Upon inquiry with the USPTO, this Attorney was informed that the Examiner in this application was not longer employed with the Patent Office and was direct to Examiner Paul Olsweski concerning the status of Patent Application 09/305,562. Applicants' Attorney was informed that the electronic record of the USPTO indicated that the application became abandoned on March 05, 2005, apparently for non-payment of a deficiency in fee. Neither Assignee nor Attorney of Record did receive any notice of a deficiency in fees or abandonment. Please reference the attached Affidavit of the President of MAO, Inc.

Applicants/Assignee now request that the check tendered herewith be accepted for payment of the apparent deficiency in fees under the previous NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE and that issuance of a patent upon the allowed claims of the application of serial number 09/305,562 be made.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry B. Morris". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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AFFIDAVIT OF Stacey J. Perry

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HARRISON

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for the aforesaid jurisdiction the within named Stacey J. Perry, who, after being duly sworn, stated under oath that the following is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

1. I am the President of MAO, Inc., dba MAO Gaming, and have been at all times relevant to this Petition.
2. MAO Inc, is the Assignee of Record for USSN 09/305,562
3. MAO Inc. is a small company having two shareholders. All directors and officers of the company are shareholders and the total number of employees at any one time has not exceeded three. MAO Inc. has several patents and patent applications pending relevant to its business operations. As President, I am closely involved with the administration of MAO's patent portfolio and the legal status of same and maintain close communications with our attorney of record respecting such. .
4. On September 03, 2005, I had directed our account payable clerk to issue a check for payment in full of the fees in this application after receipt of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE. The check was timely tendered to the USPTO for payment of these fess. When I signed MAO's check number 1378, I believed that the check amount represented the total of fees due in the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE. Until December of 2006, it has been the belief of myself as President of MAO, Inc that the amount tendered by MAO Inc. represented the payment in full in the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE.

5. At about the time of the payment of the fees in September, 2004, a set of papers had been submitted through our attorney of record to the USPTO in this application respecting correction of inventorship and assignment. In discussions with our attorney of record subsequent to the payment of fees, the matter of the timing of the receipt of notice of publication and issuance was considered. Because of the submission of the papers to correct inventorship and assignment, it was presumed by the attorney that a delay in the publication and issuance might occur. Both MAO Inc. and its attorney presumed that the notice and issuance of the patent from the patent office would occur in due course, but could be slowed by the internal administration of the recently submitted papers. We accepted this as cause for the failure to issue soon after the payment of fees discussed herein.

6. Subsequent to the payment of the fees discussed hereinabove, MAO Inc. continued prosecution for additional claims on the original application by filing its divisional application, USSN 11/032,756 on January 11, 2005. At least by that date, had MAO received any information that the parent case for this divisional application was in a potential state of abandonment, thereby potentially losing for the divisional application the right to claim continuity from the date of the parent application, MAO would have authorized and instructed our attorney to take any and all necessary action in the USPTO to secure the pending status of the parent application to entitle the divisional application to the earlier filing date. However, no such notice of this potential had been received.

7. Subsequent to the payment of the fees discussed hereinabove, MAO was heavily occupied in its regular business operations and in numerous domestic and international patent issues.

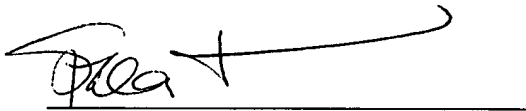
8. After our review with our attorney of our patent portfolio and docket in late 2006, it was recognized that there had been no communications from the USPTO since the payment of fees in September, 2004, concerning the publication or issue of claims for USSN 09/305,562. MAO, Inc., instructed our attorney to call the Patent

Examiner to get an explanation for the failure to receive any communications or for the patent to issue. Upon calling the USPTO, our attorney informed MAO that the case was in a status of abandonment for failure to pay the issue fees. A review of our file relating to the handling of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE denoted that the fees paid were in the amount of \$632.50 as opposed for the requisite \$955.

9. The office of MAO, Inc have been located at 1636 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, Mississippi at all times relevant herein. To date MAO Inc, or its principals, officers, or employees have not received any notifications regarding deficient fees in this matter or the abandonment of the application. MAO did not have any intention to abandon this application by the failure to pay the appropriate fees or otherwise.

10. Our attorney of record, Terry B. Morris states that he has not received any communication regarding deficient fees or abandonment in this application.

11. MAO had not requested from the USPTO a file wrapper copy of this application, since paying apparent deficient patent issuance fees for USSN:09/305,562.



Stacey J. Perry

Subscribed and sworn to before me in my
presence, this 10th day of JANUARY
2007, a Notary Public in and for the
County of HARRISON State of MISSISSIPPI
Debra Thomas
(Signature) Notary Public
My commission expires APRIL 5, 2009.





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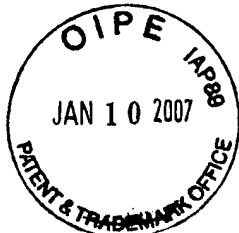
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/305,652	08/08/1999	MARVIN A ORNSTEIN	MAO PTO 3.0	2313

TITLE OF INVENTION:

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	yes	\$650	\$300	\$632.50	\$332.50	unspecified
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1. Terry B. Morris
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MAO Inc.

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)
Biloxi, Mississippi

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